I HAD ALREADY COME TO TERMS WITH THE FACT THAT I WAS SOON TURNING 30
AH... I CAN'T SEEM TO REACH MY CLIENT
OH, ARE YOU GOING TO STAY LATE?
THAT CAN WAIT UNTIL MONDAY, CAN'T IT?
FINALLY AS EXPECTED
YOU SURE WORK HARD.
I HAVE DEVELOPED A HABIT OF USING MY WORK COMPUTER TO LOOK UP CONDOS ONE THAT'S FIT FOR SINGLES.

BUT SURPRISINGLY, SOMETHING GOOD HAS HAPPENED TODAY.
AS AN APOLOGY FOR A MISHAP, THE DEVS OF A MOBILE GAME I'M ADDICTED TO HAS GIVEN OUT FREE GEMS. WOOHOO.
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THAT'S A LOT TO BUY AT ONCE
IS THERE A TYPHOON COMING?
OH, THERE YOU ARE.
I JUST THOUGHT I'D SWING BY.
YOU REALLY DO SHOP HERE AT THE EXACT SAME TIME EVERY FRIDAY.
...IT'S STILL ONLY MARCH.
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING...
WANT ME TO CARRY HALF?
I GUESS HE ACTUALLY DID TAKE WHAT I SAID SERIOUSLY...
NO, I'LL BE OKAY
HM...

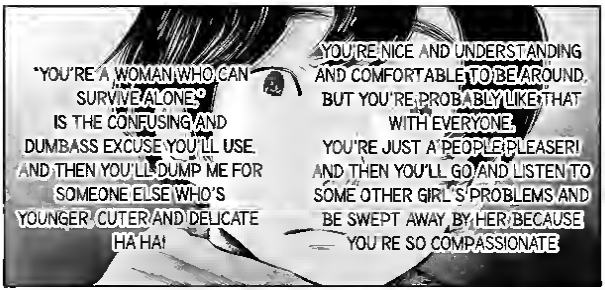
AH... CAN YOU FORGET WHAT HAPPENED AT THAT GET TOGETHER?
I JUST GOT CARRIED AWAY BY THE MOOD OF THE PARTY WHEN I ASKED YOU OUT...
SHOULD I START CALLING YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME NOW?
UM, SO...
HM?
HEY,
PLEASE STOP SHYING AWAY LIKE THAT.
YOU SHOULD BE MORE HONEST.
I BROUGHT HOME SOME WORK, AND MY ROOM'S A COMPLETE MESS...
I'VE GOT SO MANY BOOKS SCATTERED AROUND...
...SORRY, TODAY'S JUST A BAD DAY TO COME OVER.
UHM...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED ME OVER TO YOUR PLACE, RIGHT?

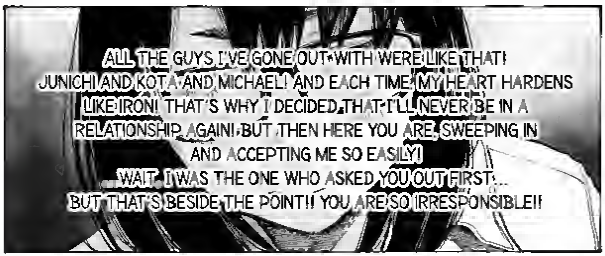
I CAN DO IT MYSELF.
THAT'S HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.
HMM..
MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU CLEAN UP?
I CAN'T ASK YOU TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING YOURSELF.
YOU SEEM A BIT OVER-WORKED TOO.
SOMETIMES IT'S NICE TO BE RELIED ON, YOU KNOW?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW, YOU SOFTIE.
BEING BUSY AT WORK IS AWESOME BECAUSE I DON T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.

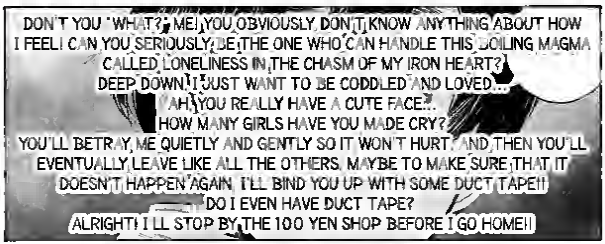
HEY

EVEN IF SOMEONE LOOKS LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SOCIALIZE, YOU COME ALONG ALL SMILING AND CAREFREE AND THEN YOU CREEP YOUR WAY INTO THEIR HEARTS. YOU'RE THAT SORT OF GUY!!
OKAY, FINE, I'LL ADMIT IT. KIND AND GENTLE GUYS LIKE YOU ARE TOTALLY MY TYPE.

WHAT'S WITH THAT? ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME? IS THAT A THING PEOPLE DO NOWADAYS?
LAST WEEK YOU WERE ALL LIKE 'I'M NOT POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS.' AND THAT PISSED ME OFF SO I ASKED IF YOU'D GO OUT WITH ME. BUT THEN YOU SAID 'OKAY' LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.


"YOU'RE A WOMAN WHO CAN SURVIVE ALONE."
IS THE CONFUSING AND DUMBASS EXCUSE YOU'LL USE.
AND THEN YOU'LL DUMP ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHO'S YOUNGER, CUTER AND DELICATE
HA HA!
YOU'RE NICE AND UNDERSTANDING AND COMFORTABLE TO BE AROUND.
BUT YOU'RE PROBABLY LIKE THAT WITH EVERYONE.
YOU'RE JUST A PEOPLE PLEASER!
AND THEN YOU'LL GO AND LISTEN TO SOME OTHER GIRL'S PROBLEMS AND BE SWEPT AWAY BY HER BECAUSE YOU'RE SO COMPASSIONATE!


ALL THE GUYS I'VE GONE OUT WITH WERE LIKE THAT!
JUNICHI AND KOTA AND MICHAEL! AND EACH TIME, MY HEART HARDENS LIKE IRON! THAT'S WHY I DECIDED THAT I'LL NEVER BE IN A RELATIONSHIP AGAIN! BUT THEN HERE YOU ARE, SWEEPING IN AND ACCEPTING ME SO EASILY!
WAIT. I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU OUT FIRST...
BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT!! YOU ARE SO IRRESPONSIBLE!!


DON'T YOU WHAT?, ME, YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HOW I FEEL! CAN YOU SERIOUSLY BE THE ONE WHO CAN HANDLE THIS BOILING MAGMA CALLED LONELINESS IN THE CHASM OF MY IRON HEART?
DEEP DOWN I JUST WANT TO BE CODDLED AND LOVED...
AH, YOU REALLY HAVE A CUTE FACE...
HOW MANY GIRLS HAVE YOU MADE CRY?
YOU'LL BETRAY ME QUIETLY AND GENTLY SO IT WON'T HURT, AND THEN YOU'LL EVENTUALLY LEAVE LIKE ALL THE OTHERS. MAYBE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN, I'LL BIND YOU UP WITH SOME DUCT TAPE!!
DO I EVEN HAVE DUCT TAPE?
ALRIGHT! I'LL STOP BY THE 100 YEN SHOP BEFORE I GO HOME!!

I SHOULD JUST GO HOME AND WASTE MY MONEY ON THAT STUPID GAME...
AHHH... NOW I'VE DONE IT...

I THINK I'LL DROP BY THE 100 YEN SHOP FIRST!!
I'M GOING HOME!!
NEVERMIND!
I'M NOT A MIND READER!!
YOU NEED TO TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR HEAD!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NEVERMIND"?!
THERE ARE THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW YOUNG ONE
SORRY, I'M JUST NOT USED TO THAT KIND OF THING...
YOU SHOULDN'T KEEP EVERYTHING BOTTLED UP
I'LL LEND YOU AN EAR, IF YOU WANT

DEAL?
NOW PLEASE HAND OVER ONE OF THOSE BAGS
...OKAY I'LL GO STRAIGHT HOME AFTER I WALK YOU TO YOURS
SORRY. UM... IT'S REALLY FINE.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M UNHAPPY ABOUT HOW KIND YOU'RE BEING...
THANKS FOR THAT, REALLY...
UGH
AND THAT KINDA MAKES ME FEEL A BIT LONELY...
IT'S JUST YOU'RE PROBABLY NICE LIKE THIS TO EVERYONE...
I'M REALLY SORRY!!
I'M SUCH AN ANNOYING WOMAN...

I'M NOT TRYING TO BE NICE...
I JUST WANTED TO HOLD YOUR HAND...
SHIT...
THAT'S SO ADORABLE.
THE BEST THING EVER...
THIS IS...

SEEZ, SHUT IT ALREADY
YOU'RE REALLY STRONG, AREN'T YOU...
THIS IS SO HE..VY...
BUT
MAYBE I DID BUY A BIT TOO MUCH TODAY
WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER AND HAVE A DRINK?